GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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Schemes to Encourage Folk Artists
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of centrally sponsored schemes being implemented by the Government at present to encourage folk artists and music of artists in the country in various States especially in Maharashtra;

(b) the details of the fund spent on these schemes and people benefitted out of the schemes during the last three years; and

(c) the names of the States where the folk artists of Maharashtra have performed during the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (I/C) FOR CULTURE AND TOURISM
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) & (b) The mandate of the Ministry of Culture is to protect, preserve & promote various forms of folk art and culture throughout the country and to meet this objective, the Government of India has set up seven Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs) with headquarters at Patiala, Nagpur, Udaipur, Allahabad, Kolkata, Dimapur and Thanjavur to promote folk artists and music in all the States/UTs of India including Maharashtra. These ZCCs organize various cultural activities and programmes during the year and the folk artists from all over India are engaged to perform in these activities and programmes. Annual grant-in-aid is provided to all these 7 ZCCs by the Government of India for carrying out these activities. The grant-in-aid released to these ZCCs during the last three years is as under:

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	Year	Amount
1.	2014-15	3974.88
2.	2015-16	6834.33
3.	2016-17	6085.07

(c) The names of the States where the folk artists of Maharashtra have performed during the last three years are as under:

2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Andhra Pradesh	Karnataka	Karnataka
Madhya Pradesh	Madhya Pradesh	Manipur
Karnataka	Delhi	Bihar
Uttar Pradesh	Andhra Pradesh	Madhya Pradesh
Uttarakhand	Kerala	Tamil Nadu
Haryana	Maharashtra	Goa
Rajasthan	Chhattisgarh	
Maharashtra	Telangana	
	Delhi	
	Maharashtra	